

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: National Council on the Humanities

Report Run Date: 06/05/2019 11:53:20 PM

1. Department or Agency

National Endowment for the Humanities

2. Fiscal Year

2018

3. Committee or Subcommittee

National Council on the Humanities

3b. GSA Committee No.

1099

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

11/24/2017

6. Expected Renewal Date

11/24/2019

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

20 U.S.C. 957

13. Effective Date

09/29/1965

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee Grant Review Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open 0 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 3 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 3 Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
To advise the National Endowment for the Humanities on pending grant applications and policy matters.	11/16/2017	11/17/2017
To advise the National Endowment for the Humanities on pending grant applications and policy matters.	03/08/2018	03/09/2018
To advise the National Endowment for the Humanities on pending grant applications and policy matters.	07/12/2018	07/13/2018

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 3

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$10,128.00	\$11,550.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$246,626.00	\$288,175.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$50,082.00	\$54,400.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$33,200.00	\$34,905.00
18d. Total	\$340,036.00	\$389,030.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The NCH's objectives and scope of activities include: (1) advising the Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) with respect to policies, programs, and procedures for carrying out the Chairman's functions; (2) reviewing and making recommendations to the Chairman on applications for financial support submitted to NEH; and (3) advising the Chairman on policies, programs, and procedures for support and gifts offered to NEH. Pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 957(f), the NEH Chairman cannot make any grant in excess of \$30,000 until he/she has received a recommendation thereon from the National Council on the Humanities (NCH). Therefore, NEH would be unable to carry out its main activity, grant-making, without recommendations from the NCH.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 957(b), the NCH is composed of the NEH Chairman, who serves as NCH Chairman, and twenty-six other President-appointed, Senate-confirmed members. These other members are private U.S. citizens who (1) are recognized for their broad knowledge of, expertise in, or commitment to the humanities; and (2) have established records of distinguished service and scholarship or creativity in a manner which will provide a comprehensive representation of the views of scholars and professional practitioners in the humanities and of the public throughout the U.S. In making appointments, the President may consider recommendations from national organizations concerned with the humanities. Additionally, the President must give due regard to equitable representation of women, minorities, and individuals with disabilities who are involved in the humanities.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The NCH generally meets three times per calendar year, to formally convey its recommendations and advice to the NEH Chairman. Pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 957(d), the NCH must meet at least twice per calendar year, and at the call of the Chairman.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

Because of the structure established under 20 U.S.C. 957, no other source may fulfill the NCH's function, nor provide the advice or information the NCH provides.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

Pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 957(f), the NCH is responsible for (1) advising the NEH Chairman with respect to policies, programs, and procedures for carrying out the Chairman's

functions; and (2) reviewing and making recommendations to the Chairman on applications for financial support submitted to NEH. The portion of NCH meetings involving the first of these responsibilities are open to the public. The portion of NCH meetings involving the review of grant applications are closed to the public because they include discussion of personal, commercial, and/or financial information given in confidence by grant applicants to the NEH.

21. Remarks

NA

Designated Federal Officer

Michael P. McDonald General Counsel

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Adorno, Rolena	11/06/2009	10/01/2017	Professor of Spanish, Yale University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Alire, Camila	01/07/2013	01/26/2018	Dean Emerita, University of New Mexico and Colorado State University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Berman, Francine	11/19/2015	01/26/2020	Professor of Computer Science, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Beveridge, Albert	06/01/2011	10/01/2017	Senior Counsel, Beveridge & Diamond, P.C.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Blakely, Allison	01/03/2011	10/01/2017	Professor Emeritus, Boston University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Carroll, Constance	06/01/2011	10/01/2017	Chancellor, San Diego Community College District	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Choksy, Jamsheed	03/17/2008	10/01/2017	Professor of Central Eurasian Studies, Indiana University - Bloomington	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Delbanco, Dawn	03/17/2008	10/01/2017	Adjunct Professor of East Asian Art, Columbia University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Duffy, Paula	06/01/2011	10/01/2017	Former Director of the University of Chicago Press	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Early, Gerald	08/05/2013	01/26/2018	Professor of English, Washington University in Saint Louis	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Hertz, David	03/17/2008	10/01/2017	Professor of Comparative Literature, Indiana University - Bloomington	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Kosinski, Dorothy	08/05/2013	10/01/2017	Director, The Phillips Collection	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Krislov, Marvin	11/06/2009	10/01/2017	President, Pace University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Limerick, Patricia	11/19/2015	01/26/2018	Faculty Director and Chair of the Board, Center of the American West, University of Colorado	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Lowe, Shelly	11/19/2015	01/26/2018	Executive Director, Harvard University Native American Program	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Merrill, Christopher	04/04/2012	10/01/2017	Director, International Writing Program, University of Iowa	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Peede, Jon	07/28/2017		Chairman, National Endowment for the Humanities	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Saldivar, Ramon	01/07/2013	01/26/2018	Professor of English and Comparative Literature, Stanford University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Sievers, Bruce	01/07/2013	01/26/2018	Visiting Scholar and Lecturer, Haas Center for Public Service, Stanford University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Tachau, Kathrine	08/05/2013	01/26/2018	Professor of History, University of Iowa	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Unsworth, John	08/05/2013	10/01/2017	Dean of Libraries and University Librarian, University of Virginia	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Weinberg, Martha	06/01/2011	10/01/2017	Consultant	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 22

Narrative Description

The National Council on the Humanities (NCH) is comprised of the NEH Chairman and twenty-six distinguished private citizens who are appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. The NCH supports NEH's mission by advising the NEH Chairman with respect to the grants NEH awards to cultural institutions (such as museums, archives, libraries, colleges, universities, public television, and radio stations) and to individual scholars. The NCH supports NEH's strategic plan by providing the Chairman with continuing advice on how best to: strengthen teaching and learning about the humanities in schools and colleges across the nation; facilitate research and original scholarship; provide opportunities for lifelong learning; preserve and provide access to cultural and educational resources; and strengthen the institutional base of the humanities.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

NA

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

NA

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

4,278

Number of Recommendations Comments

NA

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

99%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

NA

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

1%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

NA

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

Oral and written reports.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Reorganized Priorities | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reallocated resources | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Issued new regulation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proposed legislation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Approved grants or other payments | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Action Comments

NA

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

Yes

What is the estimated **Number** of grants reviewed for approval 4,278

What is the estimated **Number** of grants recommended for approval 739

What is the estimated **Dollar Value** of grants recommended for approval \$107,698,130

Grant Review Comments

NA

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

- | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Contact DFO | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Agency Web Site | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Committee Web Site | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Online GSA FACA Web Site | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Publications | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Access Comments

NA